

*Response to Office Action dated July 16, 2008**U.S. Appl. No. 10/580,191**Atty. Docket No.: 8688.048.US0000***IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 8, 9, 14-16 and amend claim 1-7, 10, 12 and 13 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A joint for a panel, the joint comprising a first edge and a second edge whereby the first edge comprises a groove and the second edge is provided with a tongue wherein the second edge further comprises an upper side groove, ~~[[that]]~~ and a joining profile, the joining profile is provided with a tongue and an intermediate section, the joining profile being so configured so as to allow[ing] it to be located in the upper portion of the joint between two, joined, adjacent panels.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The joint for a panel according to claim 1, ~~the joint comprising a first edge and a second edge whereby the first edge comprises a groove and the second edge is provided with a tongue wherein the first edge further comprises an upper side groove and the second edge comprises an upper side groove, that a~~ and the joining profile is further provided with a first and second snapping tongue ~~and an intermediate section~~, the joining profile being so configured so as to allow[[ing]] the first and second snapping tongue to be fitted into upper side grooves of two, joined, adjacent panels.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The joint according to claim 2 wherein the joint further comprises the mating surfaces~~[[that]]~~ wherein the joining profile and the upper sides grooves are so configured that a play is created in the joint between the mating surfaces